

TABLES

Premier League Division 1

1st Grade									
Team	P	W	D	N	L	F	A	Pts	
Belconnen United	4	4	0	0	0	21	3	12	
Weston Creek	4	3	1	0	0	11	4	11	
Monaro	4	2	2	0	0	17	5	10	
Capital City Suns	4	2	1	0	1	9	5	8	
Canberra Olympic	4	2	0	1	1	6	4	7	
Juventus	4	1	1	0	2	6	8	5	
Uni of Canberra	4	1	0	0	3	9	11	3	
Canberra Deakin	4	0	1	1	2	2	5	3	
Burns Club	4	1	0	0	3	4	17	3	
Queanbeyan City	4	0	0	0	3	3	26	0	

Under 23s									
Team	P	W	D	N	L	F	A	Pts	
Belconnen United	4	4	0	0	0	37	7	12	
Monaro	4	3	1	0	0	25	3	11	
Canberra Olympic	4	2	2	0	0	6	4	10	
Weston Creek	4	2	1	0	1	9	5	8	
Uni of Canberra	4	2	1	0	1	9	6	8	
Capital City Suns	4	2	0	0	2	23	13	6	
Juventus	4	1	0	1	2	9	12	4	
Burns Club	4	0	1	0	3	1	6	2	
Canberra Deakin	4	0	0	1	3	4	10	1	
Queanbeyan City	4	0	0	0	4	1	58	0	

Under 19s									
Team	P	W	D	N	L	F	A	Pts	
Uni of Canberra	4	4	0	0	0	15	1	12	
Belconnen United	4	4	0	0	0	16	4	12	
Juventus	4	3	0	0	1	14	4	9	
Monaro	4	3	0	0	1	13	9	9	
Weston Creek	4	2	0	0	2	13	9	6	
Canberra Deakin	4	2	0	0	2	7	12	6	
Burns Club	4	1	0	0	3	6	9	3	
Queanbeyan City	4	0	1	0	3	5	12	2	
Capital City Suns	4	0	1	0	3	3	16	2	
Canberra Olympic	4	0	0	0	4	2	18	0	

TABLES

Premier League Division 2

1st Grade									
Team	P	W	D	N	L	F	A	Pts	
O'Connor Knights	4	4	0	0	0	10	1	12	
Tuggeranong Utd	4	3	0	0	1	11	5	9	
Cooma	4	3	0	0	1	9	7	9	
ANU	4	1	1	0	2	12	10	5	
Belwest Foxes	3	1	1	0	1	8	9	5	
White Eagles	4	1	1	0	2	6	7	5	
Sabres FC	4	0	1	0	3	2	12	2	
ADFA	3	0	0	0	3	3	10	0	

Reserve Grade									
Team	P	W	D	N	L	F	A	Pts	
ANU	4	3	0	0	1	13	6	9	
Tuggeranong Utd	4	3	0	0	1	15	10	9	
O'Connor Knights	4	3	0	0	1	7	5	9	
Belwest Foxes	3	2	0	0	1	8	5	6	
White Eagles	4	2	0	0	2	6	6	6	
ADFA	3	1	0	0	2	9	8	3	
Sabres FC	4	1	0	0	3	7	10	3	
Cooma	4	0	0	0	4	2	17	0	

State League Youth Grade									
Team	P	W	D	N	L	F	A	Pts	
Tuggeranong Utd	3	3	0	0	0	11	3	9	
Belconnen Utd	3	2	0	0	1	11	7	6	
Belwest Foxes	3	1	0	0	2	11	10	3	
Radford	3	1	0	0	2	8	8	3	
Belsouth	3	1	0	0	2	3	9	3	
Southern Spirit	2	0	0	0	2	7	15	0	

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EDITORIAL

Well! A bit of life over the last week. As players from the Cosmos and the Academy sides slowly move back to playing for local Premier League teams, the game gets better.

One team that needs players made the good pickup of Danny Burt. He's been joined by Goran Veljanovski and there's hope for a few more to go to Queanbeyan as well.

More interesting is the shock news of Ian Heywood. Immediately after the game last Sunday, the Monaro committee met with Ian. It was decided at this meeting for Heywood and the Monaro club to part company.

Ian has been involved with soccer for quite a few years and is one of the few coaches who has a level 3 coaching certificate.

Over the 40 or so games he coached Monaro, less than ten were lost and during this time he has taken the team to the grand final of the top four competition last season.

Andrew Monterosso has taken over, after being assistant to Ian. I've been told that the board have not yet decided on a new coach, and Tony Brennan has stated he will not take the job.

On the overseas front it is good to hear that the two Canberran's Simon Agnello and Matthew Valeri are settling into their new life in Italy.

At present they have not signed with a club, but are in Messina and will apparently have a trial with the local club.

Messina are running 2nd in Serie C2 girone C with two games to go and may even win the Division. Hence there is a chance for promotion to Serie C1.

We hope to hear more on the boys as time moves on as we are about both Lindsay Wilson and Peter Buljan. Peter is currently in Karlsruhe, Germany on trial. All the best in their endeavours.

Next weekend sees the Federation Cup Final and no other matches. Hence there will not be an issue of CSN available. We hope you can all make it out to the Cup Final at the AIS Athletics Pitch.

The combatants this year are Canberra Olympic and Canberra Deakin. Olympic thrashed Belconnen 4-1 in their semi whilst Deakin needed to score the winner in extra-time to progress.

Lets hope for a great match between two of the oldest teams in Canberra, both more than 40 years in the competition.

One late item. It was sad to hear that Marty Lazzari will be out for up to six weeks through an injury to his hand. Apparently, it is broken in five places. We all wish him a speedy recovery.

HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY

OLYMPIC STRUGGLE TO BEAT UNIVERSITY

Canberra Olympic was just too good in the end for University of Canberra in a disappointing game, Olympic winning 3-1.

In fact of the two teams, University probably played some for the better football for most of the game as Olympic were trying to shake off the cobwebs following Wednesday night's game.

The students started stronger and were given an early opportunity which was well put away. A lax pass in defence went across the park to Dominic Bartone, who from 20m out picked his spot to send a cracking drive past Angelo Konstantinou.

Olympic tried valiantly to get back into the game, but their play in the final third lacked desire and hence their finishing was just on the good side of woeful.

University were trapping at all opportunities and thus Olympic could not play the style of football we expect from them. Playmaker, Alex Castro, was closed down at every opportunity mainly by the midfield duo of Steve Howe and Andrew Wilson.

It took a good half an hour for Olympic to break through. Elli Salloum strode down the right hand side, and just after he cut in to the box, sent a solid drive that 'keeper Chris Freeman could only parry away. The ball fell to Geoff Howarth who finished with style.

Salloum was guilty of spurning a number of chances, mainly after crosses from the left easily beat the defenders. Still, sturn defending from the likes of Scott Anderson and Josh Carmichael helped keep the scoreline to one-each at the break.

In fact a Njegosh Popovic shot from close range just on half-time caused Freeman to parry again, and when the ball fell to Salloum his shot wasn't strong enough to get past Carmichael as he saved a sure score with a goalline clearance.

Immediately after the break Olympic had a great chance to break the tie. Geoff Howarth sent a low cross through the penalty area, but no forward was able to get a foot to the ball.

Five minutes later it was Uni's turn. A delicate move by Simon Foxhill beat his defender on the right. He sent a pin-point cross and Bartone's header was well saved by Konstantinou.

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ALEX TINE SAVES MONARO

BY Dylan Durie

Second half goals from substitute Alex Tine enabled Monaro to snatch a 2-2 draw in their ACT Premier League soccer game against Weston Creek at Riverside Oval.

Tine came on with his team trailing two-nil and half an hour left but he pulled Monaro back into the game with a wonder strike in the 65th minute, chipping the keeper from 25 metres with his first touch after running on to a Danny Macor through ball.

Tine's second came 10 minutes from full time after sustained attack from Monaro resulted in a glancing header from a cross by Macor finding its way into the goal.

Weston Creek had deserved their two goal advantage after dominating the first two-thirds of the match, taking the lead from a Martin Lazzari free kick in the 22nd minute, a powerful low shot that slammed into the net at the far post.

Steve Lazzari scored Weston Creek's second in the 59th minute, breaking through the last line of defence after a swift counter attack and rounding the keeper to slide the ball home.

Tim Dale then missed a simple opportunity to put the game beyond doubt but was unable to hit the target from 2 metres after a header from a corner rebounded off the cross bar into his lap.

Then fifteen minutes in, a corner from the right by Howarth was met by Peter Mazis at the near post. He flicked the ball up and Alex Castro, from 8m out, sent a looping header that beat Freeman and the defenders.

The game soon settled down with both sides holding out well. Rarely were the forwards able to dominate, Alex Tsiokis and Mazis very solid for Olympic holding out the fire and fast Foxhill.

A few minutes from the end, another corner for Olympic, and this time substitute Pino Seminara sent the ball to the far post for Castro to head in his second of the day and complete the scoring.

Uni had one more chance to pull a goal back in the dying seconds. Dominic Bartone sent a cracking free-kick towards goal and it needed Konstantinou to tip the ball over the bar.

Baz Giampaolo for Olympic was not too pleased with his team's performance. "We struggled all day and didn't play anything like Wednesday night.

"We were taking too long to put the ball forward, too indirect and gave them ample time to get behind the ball", he said.

For University, Rod Lynes was pleased with the effort, but obviously not the result. "We didn't do ourselves justice and deserved to get something out of this game.

"The boys put in a good effort, except for the fact that we gave away goals from set pieces once again", Rod said.

While both coaches accepted a draw was a fair result, Weston Creek boss Jimmy Bland had more to be thankful for after losing key players to injury in the second half and having to play the final few minutes a man short.

BELS TAKE REVENGE OUT ON BURNS

Belconnen United pulled up their socks from their thrashing last Wednesday night to walkover Burns Club by the tune of 7-0.

Matt Whyte scored the first, a dipping shot that came off the bar, while Stuart Camara potted the second when he collected the ball just inside his own half, played a 1-2 and slotted home from close range.

After the break Bel continued the scoring. First a long throw from Adrian Dowling was headed on by Marko Perinovic and in a goalmouth scramble Jason Dunn sent a rocket that bulged the roof of the net.

Next it was Darren Fuller's turn. A solid run by a teammate saw the ball layed off for him to finish well. Then a bit later he went around a defender on the edge of the six yard box and made no mistake from that distance.

Finally Matt Whyte piled on two more to secure his hatrick. Craig Unwin came in from wide out to the penalty box. His low cross was easily slotted home by Whyte. Then a Lee Pietrukowski shot was too hot to handle for the 'keeper and Whyte finished off the rebound.

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Even though seven goals went passed the Burn's 'keeper Matt Malgaard, he provided a fine game pulling off a number of good saves. Things weren't helped for Burns when stalwart Peter Thompson, making his comeback from injury, could not make it past 15 minutes of the game.

Bels coach Lino Fiorese stated "we did quite well. We knocked the ball around and kept our shape well.

"Our wide boys got behind the defenders and our back three got a lot more involved," he said.

QUEANBEYAN MAKE SUNS WORK HARD

At O'Connor Oval Queanbeyan City Lions showed a lot more spirit than during past games when they went down 1-5 to Capital City Suns.

Tony Lemezina notched a second half hatrick. David Stambolziev scored one and the final goal was an own goal.

Danny Gjorgievski scored one of two penalty attempts by Queanbeyan, Tony Giannasca saving the other.

Queanbeyan City made a game of it for the first hour, but it wasn't too long before the Suns were able to get on top.

City have made some good pickups recently which should help build a foundation for the team. Cosmos defender Danny Burt and ex-Joey Goran Veljanovski both played well.

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JUVENTUS GET IT TOGETHER AGAINST DEAKIN

By Greg Welsh

Gungahlin Juventus shook off their disappointing early-season form to record a convincing 2-0 win over Canberra Deakin at Deakin Oval on Sunday.

Two losses and a draw in their opening rounds had Juventus languishing in second-last place prior to this game, and they badly needed a win against a Deakin outfit that has struggled to score goals.

Deakin seemed to have the run of the game early in the first half, and elusive wing-back Anthony Rakic caused plenty of headaches for Juventus sweeper Oscar Zamora and his defence.

However it was Juventus striker George Cattanach who came nearest to troubling the scorers in the first half. Somewhat against the run of play, Cattanach collected a loose ball just outside the Deakin penalty area, turned neatly and released a thunderbolt of a drive. Deakin 'keeper Pedro Pavez could only stand and watch as the ball struck his right-hand upright and rebounded to safety.

The near-miss seemed to enliven the Juventus team, and by mid-way through the second-half they were clearly the more dominant side although the scoreboard still showed a deadlock.

The introduction of Juventus striker Bradley Smith in the 67th minute provided the knock-out punch for the away team. Soon after coming on, Smith was on hand to pounce on a rare mistake by Deakin sweeper Joseph Skrtic and power a cracking shot past Pavez in the Deakin goal.

Eight minutes later the goal-scorer turned provider as Smith's pass released Cattanach into the Deakin penalty box. Cattanach notched up the goal he thoroughly deserved with a sweetly-timed left-foot shot past the advancing Pavez.

Juventus coach Billy Willox was justifiably proud of his team's performance. "I thought we played really well," Willox said. "We played a controlled game. They had a couple of chances but I think we played the football. I'm really pleased for the guys more than anything. We really needed a boost."

Willox praised the performance of Smith up-front, and sounded out a warning to the rest of the competition. "It's starting to come now. They've been working hard, every one of them, since the start of the season. Sometimes you need a wee bit of luck, but I think there wasn't any luck today, I think we deserved to win."

This week we have here the first of a two-part interview with Weston Creek star forward Peter Hader.

Peter has recently returned from overseas after having time in England and Holland. Here we talk to him about his time overseas, the problems he faced as well as his triumphs.

In part one, Peter talks about his playing time in Holland and England, the clubs involved and how they treated both himself and Mick McBride, another Weston Creek boy.

CSN: Peter, where did you go?

PH: We (Mick McBride and I) first went to Holland. We had trials with Adodenhaag, a second division club. Everything went well, but there was a trouble with clearances. It's a 'money-clearance' (like with the Ericsson Cup), where they have to pay you a certain amount as you are a visa-player.

They could have bought us, but they would have had to pay something like \$100,000 for us to play there, to get the visa. It's a quality control situation.

Then it was off to East London, although our first trial was with Barnett, which is in North London. We also trialled with Enfield and nearly played against West Ham in a full trial match.

Unfortunately, the trouble was that they wanted to keep you on, but not pay for your trailing period.

Normally, with other clubs, they would pay for your trialling period, as in the end they would get money out of the transfer. As we didn't have any of that, they obviously weren't going to pay us.

Then we went to play for Dagenham & Redbridge in the Conference. The trouble was that they also weren't paying us, but we were working part-time. We were playing in the competition for them, in both first grade and reserves.

It was quite an experience. It was great being in a country where soccer is the major sport.

The training and facilities were superb. Even for the Conference leagues, the grounds were like the National League here. All full physios at the training and everything like that.

The pitches you played on was fantastic and proper stadiums. All write ups and everything. It's all professionally setup which is good.

The best setup was probably in Holland in the second division. That was an excellent standard. Adodenhaag were very keen on trying to contract us. I guess some of it was owing to the novelty of having some Australian guys playing for them.

NEXT ISSUE: Part 2 of this interview with Peter discussing how he went overseas as a player and what his future is here, now and in the future.

CANBERRA SOCCER NEWS PREDICTIONS FOR ROUND 5

Match of the Round

Weston Creek Royals v Belconnen United
Sun May 9 – Woden Park
After a brief stop in Queanbeyan, the Creek Express keep movin along. Even without Marty Lazzari, this could be it for top of the table. Will Bel's give it up that easily?
PICK: DRAW

Burns Club v Capital City Suns
Sat May 8 – Greenway Oval 7:00pm
Burns are still struggling to get their boots on, and against the Suns will struggle again. Will Lemezina pick up another hatrick or will Malgaard have a superb game.
PICK: CAPITAL CITY SUNS

Canberra Olympic v Monaro
Sun May 9 – O'Connor Oval
Monaro will be down after their loss midweek to Deakin in the Cup. They have a lot to prove, while Olympic are still trying to play some 'real' football.
PICK: DRAW

Queanbeyan City v Gungahlin Juventus
Sun May 9 – Riverside Stadium
Juventus are on a high after their win last week over Deakin. City should again put up a fight and may just, with some luck, take this one further than any of the matches before.
PICK: JUVENTUS

Uni of Canberra v Canberra Deakin
Sun May 9 – Uni of Canberra
Deakin have finally turned the corner with a win midweek in the Fed Cup, but are they going to be too worn out for the students?
PICK: UNI OF CANBERRA

Premier League Division 1:

Belconnen United v Burns Club
7-0 3-0 2-1
Uni of Canberra v Canberra Olympic
1-3 2-2 8-0
Canberra Deakin v Gungahlin Juventus
0-2 0-0 0-4
Monaro v Weston Creek
2-2 2-2 3-0
Capital City Suns v Queanbeyan City
5-1 9-0 1-1

Premier League Division 2:

1st Grade: ANU 2 Cooma 3, Sabres FC 2
White Eagles 2, O'Connor Knights 1
Tuggeranong 0
Res Grade: ANU 4 Belwest 0, Sabres FC 3
White Eagles 1, O'Connor Knights 2
Tuggeranong 5

State League:

Division 1: Canberra City 3 Southern Spirit 1, ANU 4 Uni of Canberra 2, Burns Club 3 Valley Blues 1
Division 2: Belwest 0 Gininderra 3, Canberra City 2 Tuggeranong 1, ANU 1 Uni of Canberra 5, Burns Club 4 Valley Blues 3, Juventus 0 v Belconnen 3
Division 3: Uni of Canberra 0 ADFA 2 4, Weston Creek 0 Harmonie 2, Uni of Canberra 2 3 ADFA 1, Tuggeranong 1 ANU 0
Division 4: Weston Creek 2 Harmonie 1, Uni of Canberra 3 ANU 2 3, Uni of Canberra 2 3 ADFA 2, Burns 2 ANU 1 2
Masters: ANU 6 Belwest 2, Uni of Canberra 3 Belconnen United 2, Valley Blues 1 White Eagles 10, Tuggeranong 1 Kambah Old Boys 3, Kambah Rovers 0 Canberra City 0, St Francis 0 Canberra Deakin 5
Youth: Radford College 1 Belconnen United 5